

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PAT KELLY

**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 2, 2011*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Pat Kelly, one of the longest-serving employees in the history of the House of Representatives. Pat retired yesterday after more than 53 years of outstanding public service.

Pat comes from a family that has always placed a high premium on public service. Her father, Edward, was a New York City Court justice; her mother, Edna, was a Member of the House of Representatives. Even further back, Pat can trace her family's history of service to a grandfather who was appointed Postmaster of Brooklyn, New York, by President Woodrow Wilson.

In her decades in the House, Pat worked as a research assistant, a legislative assistant for three Members of Congress and the House Rules Committee, and the Editor of the House Daily Digest. Pat served in that most recent role from 1999 to her retirement. She has seen more than half a century of history being made first-hand—and more importantly, she has helped shaped that history, through her diligence, hard work, and deep experience. For more than 53 years, Pat Kelly made herself indispensable to the House, and she will be greatly missed.

HONORING EVIE DAVIS

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, public service is a noble profession when done honestly and well. Those who work in government, serving the people, do so with pride of accomplishment in the knowledge that they are helping to make life easier for those they serve.

Evie Davis, the District Manager of the West Nyack Social Security office began her career with the Social Security Administration 40 years ago, in October of 1970, at the Northeastern Program Service.

She held a variety of positions of increasing responsibility, rising to District Manager of the White Plains office in 1990. She served there for eleven years before moving across the Hudson River to her current position in Rockland County.

She has served on many committees and workshops in furtherance of helping the SSA better help its clients, including the workgroup on the Limited-English Speaking Population. She has also served on the Advisory Committee of the Offices for the Aging in both Westchester and Rockland Counties.

She has always prided herself on her service to the Social Security Administration and the people it serves, touching the lives of vir-

tually all of America's families in one way or another. She derived great fulfillment from her role in managing and always strove to contribute to a satisfying work environment. For her dedication and her abilities she has received many awards, including the Associate Commissioner's Citation.

Evie and her husband Mark are about to celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary. They have two sons, Eric and Jarrod and twin baby granddaughters.

I congratulate Evie Davis for her 40 years of public service in helping people. She has earned our thanks and praise for the good work she has done for so many years in making our lives and the lives of those around us better and more fulfilling.

HONORING THE LIFE OF EUGENE  
AARON BONACCI**HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 2, 2011*

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life and service of Eugene Aaron Bonacci, a decorated veteran of the United States Navy, loving son, brother, partner, and friend to many. Tragically, Eugene passed away unexpectedly last month at the all too early age of 33.

Eugene devoted his too short life to his family and country. After graduating from Roslyn High School in 1996, he enlisted in the United States Navy. The military proved an ideal career choice. His intelligence, patriotism, selflessness, and drive to succeed in all he endeavored were a perfect fit for the Navy. It was no surprise to those who knew Eugene best that he would be highly decorated for his service. Eugene earned the Navy Achievement Medal, Blue Jacket Award, National Defense Service Medal, Joint Services Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Navy Pistol Expert Medal, and Rifleman Marksmanship Ribbon.

Following his time in the Navy, Eugene enrolled at Pennsylvania State University, where he studied security and risk analysis. It was Eugene's difficulty obtaining full-tuition benefits for his education under the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill that inspired him and his mother, Leslie Blei, to become tireless advocates of the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill Improvements Act. When the bill passed and was signed into law by President Obama, Eugene, selfless as always, cited his mother's advocacy as a factor for passage of the bill.

Eugene's professional accomplishments were numerous. His personal attributes were the most significant though. Eugene was loved by his family and loved them in return, including his partner Elizabeth Rockey. His large extended family was the source of his strength.

Eugene's life was cut short, but as his father Eugene Bonacci II says, Eugene was blessed with a meaningful life. In a final act of compas-

sion that embodied Eugene's selflessness, he donated his organs, which doctors estimated could save and improve the lives of numerous people.

For his service to country, advocacy for veterans, and devotion to his family and friends, I ask all of my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Eugene Aaron Bonacci.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF  
LINDA ROMANIK**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 2, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to remember Linda Romanik. She was a labor leader who was dedicated to her fellow workers, her family, and her community, and a former member of my Congressional Staff. I am saddened to report that Linda passed away recently after a short illness.

Linda was born on July 31, 1949, in Cleveland, Ohio. Early in her childhood she moved to Wickliffe, Ohio, and graduated from Wickliffe High School in 1967. Soon afterward, she began her employment with Bailey Controls in Wickliffe.

At the time, the workers at Bailey had no labor representation. In 1971, Linda helped form an organizing committee. As a result of her efforts, the workers at Bailey Controls organized Local 1741 of the United Auto Workers (UAW). She served on the Local 1741 committee from 1985 until 1996 and was the committee's Vice President from 1990 through 1993. Linda was also active on the UAW's Community Action Program (CAP) for the Ash-tabula-Geauga-Lake region from 1976 until 1981 and was its chair from 1981 through 1988.

In 1996, Linda worked tirelessly on my Congressional campaign. When we won the election that year, I asked Linda to join my staff as a caseworker and labor liaison. She served the people of Ohio's 10th Congressional District with enthusiasm and distinction. She helped me set up my District offices and worked closely with constituents who needed personal help and with local labor leaders who needed my attention on many issues.

Linda resigned from my staff in 1998 to take on greater challenges in the labor movement. She became the UAW's CAP coordinator in 1998 and International Representative for the UAW's Regions 2 and 2B in 2004. She retired in 2010 after more than 35 years of service with the UAW. She served on the board of the United Labor Agency and was its Recording Secretary. She stayed active with Local 1741 and its successor, Local 70 after the merger of the two locals in 2005. Linda was also a longtime member of the Lake County Democratic Women's Club.

Linda was also a caring mother and wife. She spent 30 loving years married to her husband John, for whom she cared dearly. She

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